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Nationwide Town Hall – IPAV CEO

Genevieve McGuirk CEO of IPAV has invited all members to attend upcoming town hall meetings that are being held at various locations around Ireland. These one-hour sessions will provide updates on IPAV's work, allow members to share feedback, and offer networking opportunities.

Members are encouraged to attend, participate in discussions, and to RSVP valerie@ipav.ie in advance. Dates, venues, and times for each location have already been communicated with the possibility of additional meetings in the future. Please register your interest and preferred location if you have not already responded.



Calling all Novice Rostrum Auctioneers



IPAV's Young Professionals Network (YPN) are delighted to announce that applications are now open for the 2026 Rostrum Auctioneer Competition, taking place in Tattersalls Ireland on Friday, 6th March 2026. This competition offers an incredible opportunity to showcase skills on the iconic rostrum at Tattersalls Ireland, Co. Meath.

Novice Auctioneer Prize:

- Winner will receive the perpetual Ron Duff Memorial Cup.
- Intensive training experience with Mike Jones Auctioneer at America's Auction Academy in Dallas, Texas, USA.

[Click here Criteria & Applications Form](#)

Fully completed application forms must be emailed to Jakub@ipav.ie no later than Monday, 23rd February 2026.

[Click here to see a highlight from the Novice Auctioneer Competition](#)

Rostrum Auctioneer Competition - Dinner & Finale



YPN are delighted to announce following the initial round of the Rostrum competition, the grand finale and dinner will commence at 6pm sharp. Tickets €65.00 Regular Rate, €50.00 Student rate, to include 2 course dinner, charity auctions, and grand finale.

We hope as many members as possible will take part and lend support to our wonderful contestants.

Tickets: YPN Rostrum Competition Dinner & Finale

Click here: [Highlight from last year's finale](#)

Residential Tenancies (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2026

The Bill, published earlier this week, introduces measures first announced in June 2025 that will significantly affect residential landlords and agents. Key concerns include the use of the revised tenancy register to set and review rents from 1 March 2026, tighter restrictions on terminating tenancies for sale or renovation, and the introduction of a Tenancy of Minimum Duration alongside existing arrangements, creating parallel regimes.

Positive changes include electronic service of notices, tenant obligations to allow reasonable access for sales viewings, and the ability for landlords to reset rent to market levels every six years.

The Bill will be debated in the Dáil in the coming days. [Click here to view the published Bill.](#)

NPS Survey Results



IPAV would like to thank all our members who participated in our recent NPS survey. We were delighted to receive a score of 75, which reflects the strong level of trust and satisfaction across our membership.

Your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps us understand what we are doing well, as well as where we can continue to improve the services and supports we provide.

IPAV's Legal Sellers Pack debated in Seanad



IPAV's Sellers Legal Pack for Property Buyers Bill was debated in the Seanad last week, having been brought forward by Senator Aubrey McCarthy.

During the debate, Minister of State Niall Collins referenced the Best Practice Charter for Solicitors and Estate Agents in Conveyancing, suggesting it could reduce timelines to eight weeks. While welcome, many estate agents have long followed its principles, with limited impact on overall conveyancing times.

Given the ongoing housing emergency, additional measures are needed. The Sellers Legal Pack offers a practical way to provide earlier clarity, reduce delays, and should be given serious consideration.

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LawOnline

In association with <https://www.lawonline.ie/> IPAV members can draft bespoke versions of a selection of property-related legal documents FREE ('Digital-only' service). There is also an option available, if you wish, to have your drafted document reviewed by LawOnline's solicitors at a 40% discount to its publicly listed fees (which include VAT).

*From the drop-down menu, please select the document required and 'add to basket' and select the level of service that you require, i.e. 'Digital-only' or 'With solicitor review'. Then on the 'Basket' page submit the relevant voucher code, i.e., **IPAV99D** or **IPAV99R** respectively.*



IPAV PSRA CPD Live Webinar - 13th February

IPAV will be hosting its first PSRA CPD Live Webinar of 2026 on Friday, 13th February. Full attendance at this webinar will provide licenced agents with the required 5 PSRA CPD hours for 2026.

The cost remains the same as previous years, €75.00 per person, to register for this event please click the below link.

[Click here to Register](#)



The poster for the IPAV PSRA CPD Webinar features the IPAV logo (Institute of Professional Auctioneers & Valuers) and the PSRA logo (An tÚdarás Rialála Seirbhíse Maoinne Property Services Regulatory Authority). The main title is 'PSRA CPD WEBINAR'. Below this, it specifies the date 'FRIDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY', the time '9:30 AM - 3:15 PM', and '5 PSRA CPD HOURS'. A list of topics includes: Anti-Money Laundering, Property Management, PRSA Regulation, Digital Marketing, Work-Life Balance, Residential Tendencies Act, and Duty of Care for PSP's. The background shows a person's hands on a laptop displaying a video conference grid.

IPAV Farming Report Launch & Webinar - Wednesday 11th March

We are pleased to announce registration is now open for IPAV's Farming Report Launch and Agri online Webinar, taking place at 2pm Wednesday 11th March. Providing insights and analysis of land values across each province for 2025, Tom Crosse, IPAV's Agri Committee Chair & Convenor will be discussing the report's key findings along with a number of expert guest speakers.

We look forward to an informative and engaging discussion and encourage all members who work within the agri sector, to register their attendance. The webinar is free of charge, and offers 2 TEGOVA CPD Hours.

To register: [Click Here](#)



The poster for the IPAV Farming Report Launch & Agri Webinar features the IPAV logo (Institute of Professional Auctioneers & Valuers) and the text 'IPAV FARMING REPORT LAUNCH & AGRI WEBINAR'. It highlights '2 TEGOVA CPD HOURS'. The event is scheduled for 'Wednesday 11th March' from '2pm - 4pm'. The background shows a sheep and a rural landscape with a tree and hay bales.

Minister O'Brien announces suite of new SEAI grant supports



An Roinn Aeráide,
Fuinnimh agus Comhshaoil
Department of Climate,
Energy and the Environment

Minister Darragh O'Brien has announced expanded **SEAI grants** under the **National Residential Retrofit Plan 2026** to make home energy upgrades more affordable and accessible.

Measures include higher grants for attic and cavity wall insulation, a new **heat-pump system grant of up to €12,500**, and new supports for **windows and doors**. For further information please find links below.

SEAI Home Energy Upgrades:
Government Climate Policy:

IPAV's International Women's Day Event - 4th March 2026

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#IWD2026
Give To Gain

**IPAV Webinar
Celebrating
International
Women's Day**

March 4th 2026

1pm - 2pm

All Members Welcome

REGISTER HERE >

International Women's Day

IPAV Business Conference & Gala Dinner - Important Booking Information



We are really looking forward to meeting up with members at this year's Annual Business Conference and Gala dinner, taking place on Friday 15 May at Galway Bay Hotel. Tickets are now **available here**.

Please note for IPAV Members who require a room will need to book directly on **reservations@galwaybayhotel.com** and quote IPAV, the cost is €183 B&B per single or €194 B&B per twin/double. Members can also call 091 520 520 to avail of discounted price.

Due to high demand, It is advisable to book as soon as possible to ensure that you secure your hotel accommodation.

IPAV Buyer's Agents Course- 23rd March 2026



IPAV is delighted to announce the return of our 'Buyers Agent' One-Day Course, taking place on Monday, 23rd March 2026.

Course Details

- **Date:** Monday, 23rd March 2026
- **Time:** 9.30am – 2:30pm
- **Location:** Midlands Park Hotel, Jessop Street, Portlaoise, Co Laois (located beside the train station)
- **Cost:** €450 (includes a light lunch)
- **Eligibility:** Open to IPAV members only. You must hold a valid *B PSRA Licence* to attend.

Spaces for this event are limited, so we encourage early registration to avoid disappointment. To reserve your place, please contact Jennifer at jennifer@ipav.ie

IPAV's Annual European Valuation Conference - Croke Park, 20th October 2026

Announcing IPAV's Annual European Valuation Conference. Taking place at Croke Park, Dublin 3 on 20th October 2026, this flagship event is a must-attend conference for valuers across Ireland, bringing together leading experts, decision-makers, and practitioners to explore the latest developments shaping the valuation profession.

Registration is now open

2026
IPAV EUROPEAN
VALUATION CONFERENCE
& TRADE EXPO

Registration Now Open
5 TEGOVA CPD Hours

CONFERENCE MODERATOR
IVAN YATES

Croke Park, Dublin 3
20th | October | 2026

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The poster features a circular portrait of Ivan Yates, the conference moderator, in a dark suit. The background is a dark blue and purple gradient with yellow accents.

TEGOVA Commercial Valuer Course - Spring 2026



IPAV is currently seeking expressions of interest for a **Registered European Valuer (REV) course** this Spring.

REV status allows members to perform **Commercial and Residential Valuations to Blue Book standard**.

Eligibility: REV-RESI status (formerly TRV), 10 years' commercial valuation experience, and a completed application with CV. All places must be approved by **TEGOVA**.

Start: April 2026

Duration: 5 days

Cost: €1,100

If eligible and interested, please email jennifer@ipav.ie.

IPAV In the Media & Press Releases

IPAV in the Media:

Wed 28th January, Charlie Weston, Irish Independent, **Six-year tenancies will shake-up the rental market – but will it be for better or worse?**

Monday 19th January, Charlie Weston, Irish Independent, **It will 'take a miracle' for radical new rental rules to be ready by Government's deadline**

Thursday 15th January, Cantillon, Irish Times, **Rent control plan unworkable on current timeline, Ipav says**

IPAV Press Release:

Tuesday 3rd February 2026, **New Rent Bill Far More Onerous on Landlords and Agents**

Thursday 29th January 2026, **Housing Completions – A Ray of Hope – IPAV**

Wednesday 21st January 2026, **House Prices Continuing Upward Trajectory but at Slower Pace – IPAV**

Thursday 15th January 2026, **New Rent Rules – It Will Take a Miracle to Achieve March 1st Deadline – IPAV**

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